

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
 THURSDAY, January 22, 2015
 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
 DR. LARRY GASCO, CHAIRPERSON, FACILITATING

Approved – February 26, 2015

Presenter	Discussion	Motion	Recommendation/Action
<p>Dr. Larry Gasco Chairman’s Report</p>	<p>Call to Order and Roll Call</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee Report-Vice Chair DeBose gave an overview of the meeting held January 8. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The agenda was changed because Dr. Rod Shaner announced a proposed board motion to consolidation the Health Services, Mental Health, and Public Health Departments. ➤ Commissioners put together a strategy to mobilize the community to put together its ideas and opinions on the proposed consolidation. ➤ Commissioner DeBose commended Chairman Gasco for the job well done given the short notice to mobilize the community to come forth and say what it had to say at the next board meet on January 13. ➤ Commissioner DeBose was impressed at the number of people who showed up at the board meeting and made public comments to the board requesting community participation in the consolidation plan. • CALMHBC Meeting Update – Chairman Gasco reported on the meeting held January 17-19, 2015: 	<p>Motion to Approve the Minutes of December 2014 – Minutes approved unanimously</p>	<p>Absent Excused: Barry Perrou and Frank Baron Absent: Fred Leaf</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Agreed to change name to California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions. ➤ Organization is under resources ➤ Extended invitation to DA Jackie Lacey to present at the meeting in April 16-18, 2015 to be held in San Pedro, CA. • Commissioner Songhai Miguda-Armstead agreed to serve as Mental Health Commission Secretary. • MHSA/ SAAC Chairs – Meeting agenda changed to mobilize the mental health community to attend Tuesdays board meeting 		
<p>Dr. Marvin J. Southard DMH Report</p>	<p>DMH Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversion Program –All five areas of the program have started. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The DA leads the process and DMH is trying to bring program to scale. ➤ Order of implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st - SB 82 funding 2nd – Full implementation of drug benefit program for better outcomes • Ongoing DOJ and Jail issues- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Participate in all day meetings; DOJ accepted 21 outcome items, moving toward a common agreement of reform issues to provide the best treatment. ➤ Anticipate good news in March 2015 • Health Reform – 		<p>ACTION - None</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Moving forward to assure that behavioral health and substance abuse are included in the 1115 Waiver or other alternative finance program • Board Motion to Integrate DHS, DMH, and DPH– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The decision to integrate comes in the context of a larger reorganization of LA County government. The board is in the process of deciding on whether the future structure should be CEO or CAO. CEO (Chief Executive Officer) officer is potentially the person most of the department heads report to, .CAO (Chief Administrative Officer) officer who is assists the board without direct authority to county department heads who report directly to the board. ➤ Two new board members who are looking at delivery of services with new eyes. ➤ Input from the community at the board meeting reinforced the notion that we are speaking of community mental health. Our roots are deep in community and we ought to be involved in whatever plans and decisions are being developed. ➤ Provided an overview of Dr. Christina Ghaly, who will lead the Health Care Agency Implementation 		

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	<p>under the current CEO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMH Planning Principles – Dr. Robin Kay, Chief Deputy Director gave overview of the DMH Planning Principles developed by DMH DHS and DPH on the proposed integration motion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Principles were crafted based on input to the board at the Tuesday meeting on January 13. ➤ SLT endorsed planning principles unanimously to be sent to the board and Dr. Ghaly ➤ Principles focused on two objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Best possible client care experience, including quality and satisfaction 2. Best possible culturally competent integrated care for clients and their families of all three systems. • Comments and Motions from Commission – Commission is exercising its legal responsibility to review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process. <p>MOTION – The Commission approves and adopts the planning principles developed by the DMH. MSC: Lue/Lubin</p>		

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	<p>MOTION – Amend language in last principle to read as follows- Standards must continue to be the foundation of all clinical and recovery oriented services.</p> <p>MSC: Cooperberg/Sofro</p> <p>Amendment to Motion – Direct Executive Committee to work on a document and amend language by 5 pm on Friday using Word and the tracking technology so each can edit the document.</p> <p>MSC: Miguda-Armstead/DeBose</p> <p>Comment from Public Health Commission Chair, Jean Champommier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impressed by leadership of Health and Public Health, and the Mental Health Commission. • Glad to see the department heads working together • Both commissions share same views • Will be meeting with his supervisor because there is a learning curve. <p>Ongoing DMH Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs that are innovative and will continue to be innovative were analyzed by outside raters. DMH will move forward with the innovation plans • Looking to increase MediCal rates 15% for inpatient beds to stimulate the creation of more beds. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychiatric Urgent Care Center in AV Update – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Board activity successfully completed ➤ CHAFA issue of contracting with community agencies was resolved. Solicitation process has moved forward. ➤ Two additional staff were dedicated in the AV for the MET program. 		
Public Comments	There were 15 Public Comments. There were no unresolved issues.		
Commissioners' Reports	<p>Commissioner Lubin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glad to see MHC is alert on behalf of all those in the mental health community. Don't want to see good programs sacrifice for theoretical approaches that have failed in the past. <p>Commissioner Sofro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment Education outcomes report will be available at the next meeting. <p>Commissioner Graham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking forward to giving input on the letter to the board regarding the merger. <p>Commissioner DeBose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to plan a housing summit or conference to bring together all participants to discuss housing as it relates to the mentally ill. • Welcomes input from Commission for ideas and suggestions. 		
SAAC 1 – Report Jean Harris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commented on the consolidation • Initial reaction was fear 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request – Copy SAAC Chairs the correspondence pertaining to the integration to be disseminated among the SAACs. • December meeting – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Health neighborhood pilot in the way of urgent care centers. 2. Training in February on leadership and community organizing 3. Homeless count coming up in AV. Count increased two years ago; over 700 were children. Housing shortage is the problem; there is none. • January meeting – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discussed health care agency consolidation. 	<p>ACTION – Send documentation pertaining to integration to SAAC Chairs – (completed)</p>	
<p>SAAC 2 Report Pat Russell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blind-sided at last meeting on consolidation • Wrote letter to board • Subcommittee on jail diversion • Health neighborhood discussion to prepare for pilot. Seeks more support from the community. 		
<p>SAAC 3 Report William Leger</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December meeting – Holiday party/community meeting • January meeting – South El Monte Center has new location mostly API population and empowerment 		
<p>SAAC 4 Report Ruth A. Yraheta</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elected group leader for youth • Short meeting on January 15 • Review scheduling to help develop subjects and work with youth, adults, and elderly. 		
<p>SAAC 5 Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark in December 		

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<p>Celinda Jungheim</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Goodwin will provide 2 faith based connection trainings. • Theron Perkins from GENESIS will speak at next meeting • Looking at developing health neighborhoods even though we are not designated for the pilot. 		
<p>SAAC 6 Report MC Harris</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held 1st consumer recognition awards • Will be visiting contract agencies in the area. 		
<p>SAAC 8 John Czernek</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training facilitated by Steve Goodwin. Training was to help build engagement skills needed for health neighborhoods creation. Training focused on making connections with community face to face or on social media 		
<p>LACCC Report Betty Dandino, Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to coalition activities from Tuesday's board meeting on consolidation • Participates on Quality Assurance Board at Pacific Clinics • Open to join other organizations and coalitions to plan to write letters to board and legislators on the consolidation • Latino Coalition - David Sanchez, Chairperson announced its 1st meeting of the year. 		
<p>Meeting adjourned</p>	<p>Next Meeting – February 26, 2015 @ 11 am – 1:30 pm Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 739 500 W. Temple Street</p>		

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